

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 23-27, 30-33, 38, 39, and 47-51 are pending. By this Amendment, no claims are cancelled, no claims are amended and no new claims are added.

Withdrawn claims 34-37 and 40-46

Applicants respectfully renew their request that the Examiner recognize claims 34-37 and 40-46 as allowable. The Examiner has allowed independent claims 33 and 39. Claims 34-37 depend directly or indirectly from claim 33 and should be allowed for the same reasons that apply to claim 33. As dependent claims, claims 34-37 include all the limitations recited in claim 33. Therefore, since claim 33 is allowed claims 34-37 are allowable as well.

Put another way, claim 33 is a generic claim encompassing a genus. Claims 34-37 are species claims within the genus recited in claim 33 and should be allowed for the same reasons. See MPEP § 809.02(c).

Claims 40-46 depend from allowed claim 39 and should be allowed under the same reasoning discussed above for claims 34-37 as claims dependent on allowed claim 33.

Thus, applicants respectfully renew their request that the Examiner recognize claims 34-37 and 40-46 as patentable.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

The Examiner objected to the drawings because the reference numeral 24 was used to designate both the central aperture and the body aperture. Applicant notes that Page 11, Line 12 of the application as originally filed shows the above referenced typographical error. Applicant has amended the application to correctly refer to “the central aperture 24 and the body aperture 25” making correction to the drawings unnecessary. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

The Examiner objected to Fig. 1e for failure to include reference numeral 14 and to show indexing flange apertures 26. Applicants have amended Fig. 1e to include reference numeral 14. Applicant respectfully point out that, as indicated in the application as filed, indexing flange apertures 26 may be included in flange 14 but are not required. It was intended by Applicant that flange apertures 26 not appear in Fig. 1e to show an embodiment in which flange apertures 26 are not present. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

In addition, applicants noted that reference numeral 32 was used where reference numeral 22 was intended in Fig. 1e. Applicants have corrected this typographical error as well.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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